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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUIT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Α. Amendment Transmittal

01/29/2004 CBARNES1 00000001 031740 09888055 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

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COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	A	dditional Fee
Total Claims	28	Minus	28	=	0	х	9	=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	х	43	=	0.00

Total Additional Fee for this Amendment

\$0.00

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B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 22, 2003, set to expire on November 22, 2003, be extended by two months to expire on January 22, 2004.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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